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(*b*) Fifty-four thousand four hundred and eighty-seven scholarships have been granted to eligible communities which include Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Converts. Separate figures are not available in respect of Hindu Harijans and Christian Harijans.

(*c*) The number of scholarships given to Backward and Most Backward Class students is 8,250. Separate figures are not maintained for Most Backward Classes and Backward Classes.

Delay in the payment of salaries to Teachers

* 420 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaint from the teachers of aided schools that the direct payment of their salaries is being delayed deliberately?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

(Sri N.K. Palanisami rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : After all the reply is "No". I do not know what supplementary question the hon. Member is going to put. Next question.

District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput

* 421 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government on the strictures passed by the High Court on the District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, in connection with the conduct of a murder case?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have carefully considered the matter in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police and the Public Prosecutor, Madras. The Government have decided not to take any action.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know the salient features of the strictures and whether any reference in the judgment was made about interference from a Member of the Legislative Council also?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : One of the prosecution witnesses in the Sessions trial is reported to have stated that the investigation of the murder of his son or so was not properly done and it was not traced. Therefore, he mentioned it to one Member of the Legislative Council, and then the District Superintendent of Police took up further investigation and then the case was taken up. That was mentioned in the deposition of one of the prosecution witnesses. Referring to that the Hon'ble Judge who delivered the judgment is reported to have stated that this was interference by a Member of the Legislative Council and that the District Superintendent of Police abetted such interference and therefore action should be taken. Now Government have examined it.

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Several hon. Members in this House do come to me now and then and complain to me "a murder has taken place; investigation is not properly done; perhaps the local officers are interested and therefore they do not attend to it properly". Then I do take it up with the Inspector-General of Police. Inspector-General of Police orders investigation. If there is specific suggestion from some hon. Members that C.I.D. might be asked to investigate so that it might be traced, then C.I.D. is set about. Then it is traced while it was not traced before. There have been gruesome cases of murders which were not traced before but which were subsequently traced after further investigation. Therefore, if a Member of the Legislature or any other public person does talk to the District Superintendent of Police that investigation may be properly done, Government feel that there is nothing wrong about it. If at the instance of a representative of the public the Police take up further investigation it is not overdoing investigation. It does not necessarily mean that Police set about preparing false evidence and prosecuting an innocent person.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: It is all right for the Members of the House to bring to the notice of Government if there is any failure on the part of administration. But in this case, may I know from the Government whether it is not a fact that the High Court has specifically said that there was a miscarriage in the investigation due to interference of a Member of the Legislative Council?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I may tell the hon. Member that there was no such finding on the part of High Court. I have also enquired into the matter. The representative of the Legislature mentioned to the District Superintendent of Police that there was a complaint that investigation was not properly done. The District Superintendent of Police was asked to further investigate the matter. That was not interference.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is a question of privilege of members of the House also because it is open to the members of the Legislature as representatives of the people if they feel that there is miscarriage of justice and that proper investigation is not being done, not to interfere at every level but at least to make representation at the district officer's level. Not that they should investigate any such thing. That even representation should not be made when they feel that an injustice is done is a question for consideration. Investigation and justice should not be interfered with not only by the Legislature but even by Government. I do agree. But when a feeling arises in the minds of a certain person that the proper thing is not being done, is it not the duty of the Legislator to go and ask the district officer "please look into it". If hon. Members should come to the conclusion that even this should not be done I have no objection to put a ban on everybody from making any representation whatsoever. But I am afraid this is a matter concerning the privilege of Members of the House. It is open to the Members *not* to interfere at all levels but at least

to make representation at the district officer's level so that if anything wrong is being done it could be looked into. I am sorry in this case thee High Court chose to cast aspersions on the duties performed by the Legislators.

SRI C. N. ANNADURAI: Does the Hon. Minister suggest that the High Court, when these strictures were passed, did not look into the matter in as clear a manner as the Ministers have looked into it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have already answered that the High Court did not pass any verdict in the matter. They made certain observations. They made certain suggestions to Government. It is for Government to examine those suggestions and take their own decisions.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: If as the Hon. Minister suggests the High Court has gone out of the way, have the Government taken any steps to see that those remarks are expunged?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not think we should take it up. We have to ignore those remarks and that is why we have not taken any action on this.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: May I know whether the Member concerned exercised his duty as representative of the public and stopped with that or did he go beyond that? May I know the details?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have already stated that the complainant, the father of the person that was murdered, belonged to the constituency of the hon. Member of the Legislature. He complained to the Member of the Legislature that a murder had taken place and nothing had been done. Therefore, the Member concerned mentioned to the District Superintendent of Police "here is a complaint by the father of the poor victim. You may look into it". That was the thing that has been done by the Member of the Legislature.

SRI C. N. ANNADURAI: The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that the investigation was not properly done. The Member of the Legislature then asked the officer concerned to look into the investigation. Did the Hon. Minister enquire into that aspect of the matter and take to task the officer concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is my feeling that the officer did nothing wrong and there was nothing for me to take action against the officer concerned.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: What were the grounds on which the officer was transferred to Pondicherry?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The officer's services were lent to Pondicherry Government long before this case came and long before this judgment came.

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SRI C. N. ANNADURAI : The Hon. Minister has misunderstood my query. He was stating that the Members of the Legislature did not intervene in the carriage of justice. He merely reminded the officer to look into the investigation. The Minister is justifying the action of the Member of the Legislature. I am asking whether the Hon. Minister has taken to task the officer who needed to be reminded by a Member of the Legislature.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I find nothing wrong about the District Superintendent of Police. If the subordinate officers who are to do the investigation were found not to have done their duties, action would be taken in the usual course.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have got three more questions think we can finish them by taking five more minutes.

Ambur Sugar Mills

* 422 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) ஆம்பூர் சர்க்கரை ஆலை எப்பொழுது உற்பத்தி செய்யத் துவங்கும்?

(ஆ) இப்பொழுது எந்த அளவில் இருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The erection of the plaint is expected to be completed by the end of April 1960 and will commence production from the crushing season of 1960–61.

(*b*) Hoisting and erection of machinery is in progress. The erection of the plant and the construction of the building are nearing completion.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the capacity of the mill? Is there any proposal to distil spirit out of molasses?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The crushing capacity of the mill is 1,000 tons. There is no proposal for distillation.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : What is the method of distribution of the sugar that will be manufactured in that factory? Will the State Government do it or will it be done by the Union Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is a different question.

Hindi Teachers' Training College

* 423 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்கு பதிலளிப்பாரா—

ஹிந்தி ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சி கல்லூரி அமைக்க மத்திய அரசாங்கம் அளிக்கும் முழு மான்யத்தையும் பயன்படுத்தி நம் மாநிலத்தில் அக்கல்லூரியை எங்கே எப்போது நிறுவ உத்தேசம்?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No final decision has been taken.